

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, as a physician who has held 20-week-old babies in my hand, it floors me to think that some do not feel they are worthy of life. Who knows how many future movie stars, professional athletes, or even members of Congress never got their chance to shine because they were believed to only be “a clump of cells.”

Abortion activists always deflect with the line: “not your body, not your choice.” Dye their hair green, pierce their lip, tattoo their tongue, the whole nine yards. That’s their prerogative. A developing person is NOT a body part. A baby is its own completely separate entity. They have unique DNA. They have a unique future awaiting them. Nobody has the right to kill it.

Of course, pregnancies are absolutely difficult on women. I’ve watched my wife go through three of them. But what is more important? Opting out of a difficult 9 months? Or, on average, the 80 years of human life that result from that pregnancy?

One argument you frequently hear is that it’s cruel for babies to be born into a world of poverty, so they’re better off dead. This is such a sad argument. Life can be difficult, no doubt, being born into poverty, but life also offers endless opportunities for success. How can anyone deprive someone of their chance to succeed and experience life?

As science continues to progress and we learn more and more about babies in the early stages of pregnancy, it’s my hope that people will finally come around to see their humanity. I pledge to continue fighting until that day comes and this evil is rooted out of our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEROME
KATER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerome Kater of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, who recently received the Jefferson Award from CBS 21 News.

As president of the board at Katie’s Place, Mr. Kater has worked tirelessly to devote his time and resources to helping the people of Shippensburg. Under his leadership, Katie’s Place serves as a distribution site for charitable goods and services. For his community efforts, Mr. Kater received the 8 Who Cares Award in November—another testament to his spirit of service. In addition to his volunteer work, Mr. Kater also serves as a member of

the Shippensburg University Police Department. Through it all, he credits God with giving him a heart for service.

Jerome Kater is a selfless leader and exceptional role model. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I thank Mr. Kater for his service to the Shippensburg community, and I congratulate him and his family on this remarkable honor.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THESPIAN TROUPE 6803 AT
BORDENTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Thespian Troupe 6803 at Bordentown High School for their exceptional service to New Jersey and their community.

Amid a global crisis, the students of Thespian Troupe 6803 at Bordentown High School revitalized the discontinued Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat program and became true leaders. In response to the hunger they witnessed in their community, Thespian Troupe 6803 raised over 615 pounds of food for the St. Mary’s Food Pantry as part of the Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat Program.

In this time, where a growing number of New Jersey residents are going to bed hungry, we should be doing all we can to ensure that we feed those in need. Thespian Troupe 6803’s work exemplifies the best of New Jersey and New Jersey’s compassion for all of its citizens.

I could not be prouder of the students in this troupe, and I thank them for their service.

RECOGNIZING RICHMOND HILL

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ford Avenue Historic District as an officially designated area in the city of Richmond Hill.

After 2 years of planning, the Richmond Hill City Council approved an amendment to an ordinance creating the city’s first historic district on January 5th.

The Ford Avenue Historic District is at the heart of Richmond Hill’s history and contains primary locations and buildings Ford Motor Company built between 1925 and 1947. When Henry Ford came to Richmond Hill, the town was known as Ways Station. Upon his arrival, the town grew and became known as Richmond Hill. You can feel the history simply walking down the street.

Designating this remarkable historic district is just another positive effort by the city to pro-

mote, protect, and remember its roots. I am thankful for the Richmond Hill City Council’s diligent work on this and everything they do.

MARSHALL PLAN FOR MOMS

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a desperate cry for help and a call to action for the millions of moms who have been pushed to the brink of economic, social, and emotional disaster due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the start of the pandemic, moms—especially moms of color—have been facing the brunt of the economic fall out of this pandemic as a result of existing social barriers and policy failures that have been compounded by enduring racism and gender injustices.

What a year can do. At the beginning of 2020, even in the face of continued gender and racial wage gaps, women made up the majority of the workforce for the first time in almost a decade. A year later, women have lost over 5.4 million net jobs and account for 55 percent of overall net job loss since the start of the pandemic. Today, there are over 2 million fewer women in the labor force than there were before the pandemic. The pandemic has triggered a financial and emotional calamity for America’s moms, who are shouldering the majority of child care, domestic work, and remote school responsibilities—and this against the backdrop of women who were already overrepresented in low-wage jobs and underrepresented in high-wage jobs.

We know that mother’s wages are key to their families’ economic security and survival, even as they are leaving the workforce in droves or are reducing work hours—otherwise known as the “she-cession”. American moms are breadwinners in nearly half of families with children under 18, and yet the wage gap for moms is larger than for women overall, such that moms with full-time, year-round jobs are paid 70 cents for every dollar paid to dads. Adding to the tragedy is that moms permanently leaving the workforce are disrupting their career trajectory and endangering their future Social Security earnings and other potential retirement income. Furthermore, child nutrition is inextricably linked to mothers in the workforce, such that almost one in four children experienced food insecurity in 2020. This is a moral failure.

Madam Speaker, moms are screaming out for help. I hear constantly from other moms that this is just not sustainable. The unprecedented burdens of child care, work, remote learning—on top of the social isolation—have strained the mental and emotional health of moms. As a mom of two young boys, this issue is especially personal to me. Moms everywhere are saying: something has to give, before something ultimately breaks.

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